

# Awful Cost of War

There appears to be great excitement over the fact that the war in South Africa has already cost Great Britain more than \$732,000,000. Compared with the cost of some of the great wars of the last century, however, this sum is hardly a drop in the bucket.

The most costly war of all time was the civil war of 1861-65 in the United States. That war cost the northern states a total of 6,200 million dollars, while the South spent more than 2,000 millions in addition. And this does not consider the enormous expense of the pensions which have been paid for the last thirty-five years.

Next in cost to the war of the rebellion was the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. It cost, in round numbers, 2,600 millions of dollars. The Crimean war stands third on the list of comparatively recent wars, with a total cost of 1,700 millions.

The little affair in South Africa has cost the British up to date, less than one-tenth of what the United States spent in four years of its great civil conflict, and less than a third as much as France and Germany poured out in their short struggle.

The present aggregate war debts of all the nations of the world are so great as to entirely pass comprehension. They sum up more than 30,000 millions of dollars. As there are nearly 1,500 millions of people in the world it will be seen that if equally divided among them the world's war debt would give an average of \$18 apiece for every man, woman and child in the world to carry.

Even more startling are the figures which show what war has cost in the destruction of human life. In this line also the United States civil war stands in first place, with a total of more than 800,000 men killed in battle and died of wounds and disease. Close to this

fortresses are among the causes of this rapid increase. A few years ago, comparatively, the cost of firing the largest gun made was not more than a few dollars. Now it costs \$827 to fire a single shot from a 16-inch rifle, or more than enough to pay the wages of a private soldier in the regular for five long years. Even an 8-inch rifle costs \$125 each time it is discharged. If the twenty-seven large seaports of the United States were each protected, as military men say they should be, with ten batteries of five rifles each, it is estimated that it would cost nearly half a million dollars to fire a single round from all the guns in position. A single battleship or large cruiser costs millions, and yet it may be entirely destroyed by a torpedo or by a few shots if they happen to hit the right places. Every new discovery, either in the way of new engines of warfare or of more deadly and dangerous explosives, makes war more costly. A dozen old ships of the line could be built and completely equipped for less than it costs to put a modern battleship into the water. A ton of gunpowder would not do as much damage as a few hundred pounds of melenite or any of the modern explosives.

For military and naval purposes the nations of Europe spend annually 750 millions of dollars. They keep under arms continually more than 3,000,000 men, six times as many ready to fly to arms when the word "mobilize" is spoken. It is estimated that the community loses at least \$200 a year for each man who is kept under arms and is, therefore, unproductive. For all Europe this loss would amount to 600 millions of dollars, which should be added to the 750 millions annually paid out for military and naval purposes. Taking the two together, it appears that Europe pays something like \$3,000,000 a day in times of peace for the purpose of keeping itself ready to go to war.

By way of illustrating what the presence of these great armies means to Europe it is pointed out that if all the inhabitants of the five great pow-

erful nations of Europe were to be put into the ranks of the army, they would be able to furnish the world with a sufficient number of soldiers to man the guns of the world. Thus the inventors who hold English consols hate the idea of a war between Russia and England, because the mere rumor of such a conflict makes them actually poorer by reducing the market value of their holdings. It is believed that every time a foreign loan is floated in this country, for instance, the assurance of international peace is made just that much stronger, as all the people who hold the foreign securities will exert their influence in favor of peace.

**Anti-American Alliance.**  
That the Spectator in warning us against a possible European anti-alliance is largely moved by the hope of convincing us that England is our only friend in Europe is easy to see. Nevertheless there is a certain amount of foundation for its warnings. The

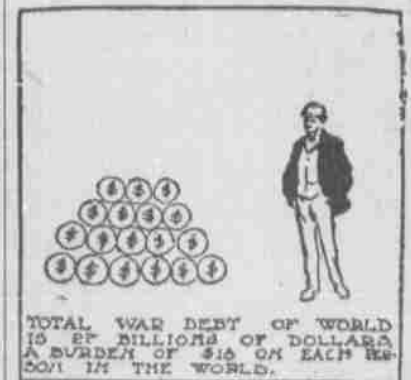


ruling classes of Europe hate the United States and its governmental policies.

In the first place, this country represents to them the overthrow of aristocratic privilege. In the second place, they have not yet outgrown the eighteenth century idea that colonies, dependencies, or "protectorates" are simply to be exploited for the benefit of the "mother" country.

The loss of her American colonies forced England to abandon a large portion of that idea. Russia perhaps from the fact that her annexations have all been contiguous, seems largely to have escaped its influence. The United States never held it, and now protects the Latin-American republics against its extension.

Wherever the American flag has gone order, liberty and industrial equality have gone with it. We have never discriminated, as a settled policy, against the industries or the commerce of our new possessions. We have even refused to turn to our commercial advantage the virtual protectorate that we hold over the Latin-American states. While for our own safety we insist that "our flag on this continent is law," we utter it only against Eu-



ropean aggression (as we did when England tried to hold up Venezuela at our very doors), and not for our pecuniary advantage.

Since the United States thus stands as the great bulwark of independent national development and equality of all under the same flag, against the European idea of colonial dependency and exploitation, the ruling classes of Europe have good reason to hate us. And, while the European masses undoubtedly think otherwise, they may be misled for a time into permitting their rulers to try to give their hate tangible effect.

That part of the Spectator's warning, therefore, which counsels us to increase our fleet and be ready to defend our position in most timely. The privileged classes of Europe (Russia excepted) cannot be expected to give up without a struggle, and we should be prepared.—Ex.

**Smallpox in Ohio**  
Ohio had the largest number of smallpox cases last year—1,095, Tennessee coming next with 1,393 and Minnesota with 875.

**England's Army and Navy.**  
It was recently stated that England's army and navy is inadequate to properly defend herself from a sudden onslaught. England is, in this instance, like the individual who allows disease to creep into his system through a stomach too weak to properly digest the food taken into it. To strengthen the stomach there is nothing better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures dyspepsia, constipation, indigestion, liver and kidney trouble, and as a tonic, is incomparable.

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